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COMING CHAMPIONS.

WHO'LL WIN THE TITLES
DURING 1911 SEASON?

Year Just Passed Has Been Remarkable in a Record-Breaking Way, and Many Candidates Are Ready to Strive for Titles.

BY VINCENT TREANOR.

WHO will be the champions of 1911? Will the coming year develop any new talent? There are many candidates for the title-holding honors in the field already and the year promises to be historic in a record-breaking way.

The year that goes out of business with the horns, chimes and champagne suppers has been a very busy period as far as the sport world is concerned, and has added chapters and chapters to its already interesting history, and one can look back over the records of 1910 and recall some of its happenings very readily and with extreme pleasure.

Every student of the sport world can easily pick out the big things that took place. All can remember that Bat Nelson lost his lightweight title to Ad Wolgast, the Milwaukee wildcat, on Feb. 22; the blasting of the white race's hope by Jack Johnson at Reno, Nev., July 4; or Battling Nelson's second tumble at the hands of Owen Moran in Fresno, Nov. 26. They know of the assassination of Middleweight Champion Stanley Ketchel by a backwoodsman out in the wilds of Missouri. And Abe Attell—no one need be told that he is still invincible among the featherweights.

Novelty Looks Good. All turf followers are familiar with the big happenings of the racing world during the past season which came to an abrupt end at Saratoga Aug. 21 last. Novelty, they know, stood out among the two-year-olds, and was chiefly responsible for Sam Hildreth's shilling the list of winning owners. Shilling was the star of the jockeys, landing a purse worth a grand total of \$14,229. The accomplishments of Fitzherbert, King James, the ill-fated Fayette, Delmadan, Ocean Bound, The Turk and other good three-year-olds need no rehearsing.

We might go on through the various branches of the sport world including athletics, swimming, golf, tennis, billiards, cycling—retelling the performances of the Sheppards, the Gissings, the Daniels, McLaughlins, Hoppes, Frank Kramers, McFarlands, and so on down the line.

Glance Into the Future. What seems more interesting is a glance into the future. What has the sporting world to offer to a champion this way for the year we are now starting? Any one who can with any degree of certainty go through the various events which go to make up the annual sporting calendar and unearth champions-to-be would indeed be a wonder. Perhaps nowhere else but in the sport world can there be found so much uncertainty in events of importance. Accidents and luck are always big factors and hard won honors are often lost through the medium of both.

However, here goes for a peep into the future, for which allowances for the unforeseen must be made.

There doesn't seem to be anything on the flat horizon capable of wresting the heavyweight title from Jack Johnson. Al Kaufman, Joe Jeannette, Sam Langford will doubtless camp on his trail, but no one of them can be given a chance on dope.

Who'll Succeed Ketchel?

The middleweight title is an open proposition. The man who has the chance of Stanley Ketchel leaves many claimants for the honors. Some think the title should revert to Billy Papke because of his one victory over Ketchel, but Papke met with a reverse on a foul recently in Australia. Dave Smith getting the decision over him. This naturally puts Smith into the running. He may be another Fitzsimmons, or even a Dan Creedon, and as good as either would be a dangerous claimant for the 145-pound title. Sam Langford of Boston considers his claims to the honors as good as if not better than those of any one else, and it must be said that he is right, but with a big and road provender he makes the weight? Those who know say the "bar baby" is better fitted for ring battles at 165 or 170 pounds. This, if true, puts Sam out of the running for the middleweight honors, leaving it a question to be decided by Papke and his Australian rival, Smith. A return match between them will doubtless settle the matter before the new year is many months old. Leo Houck is at present coming to the front in fringe and bounds.

Lewis Has a Chance. The welterweight title has no very decided claimant, although Harry Lewis's claim seems as valid as those of any. In addition to being a great fighter he can do that most essential thing, make the weight, 142 pounds. Jimmy Gardner has always been a thorn in Lewis's side, pugilistically speaking, but he can't make the required weight. Willie Lewis, Jimmy Clabby of Milwaukee, who is now in Australia, and possibly Packer McFarland may be considered "wildcards" with a claim for the premier honors. The situation may be cleared up in March, when Willie and Harry Lewis meet in Paris to a finish at 147 pounds ring side. This is the English welter weight, and as the battle is viewed now it will carry with it the world's championship. Ad Wolgast, of Milwaukee, is still lightweight champion through his victory over Battling Nelson last February, but it is a question whether his honors are worth more pugilistically than those of Owen Moran, who early in November knocked Nelson cold in



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Furber-Hyatt Fight Prevented.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—The fight scheduled to occur between Harry Furber, former bantamweight champion, and Lew Hyatt in private outside of the limits of Chicago, has been prevented by County authorities. It is said another attempt will be made to stage the fight next week.



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THE MOHAWK A. C. OF THE Mohawk Athletic Club, of the Mohawk track circuit, and cradle since Harrower, Jim Duncan.

THE YALE BASKETBALL TEAM introduced football tactics into their game against Cornell at Chicago, and as a result they were severely penalized. The Blue team was out of the score of 4 to 3. The Blue have a chance to redeem themselves, and also to play a gentler sort of a game, for they are to meet Cornell in contests scheduled against the Blue.

THE CINCINNATI TEAM HAS completed its spring training schedule, and the preliminary training at Hot Springs, Ark. The team will play at Louisville on March 25. After that the team will play at Louisville on April 1, 2 and 3; Cleveland, at Cincinnati, April 4, 5 and 6; Detroit, at Cincinnati, April 7, 8 and 9; Rochester, at Cincinnati, April 10 and 11.

CORNELIUS TEAM WON THE Cornelius basketball tournament of the Triangular College Chess League. Frank K. Perkins, of Mount Vernon, and Arthur Sturden, of Brooklyn, won the tournament. The team of Mount Penn finished a close second and the Brown combination far in the rear.

TWENTY GIANT PLAYERS ARE now in line for next season, Catcher George Soule being the latest man to come through with his signed contract.

THE SPORTING WORLD CAME away living two of its celebrities yesterday when an auto bearing James J. Jeffries and Harry Odell, the great driver, was ditched near the Mexican line at San Antonio, Cal. The pair escaped with but a few scratches. The car was damaged and the National League champions, the Cubs, was close behind in another class, and picked up the passengers of the